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REMARKS

RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Claims 1-20 are in the case and subject to a restriction requirement. Applicants have previously elected with traverse to prosecute the claims of group I, including claims 1-12. Thus, claims 13-20 are withdrawn from consideration. The examiner further requires an election between claims 1-8 drawn to a method, and claims 9-12 drawn to an apparatus. Applicants hereby elect with traverse to prosecute claim 1-8 drawn to a method. Thus, claims 9-12 are additionally withdrawn from consideration.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing, applicants respectfully submit that a full and complete response to the office action is provided herein, and request that the application proceed to examination.

In the event this response is not timely filed, applicants hereby petition for the appropriate extension of time and request that the fee for the extension be charged to deposit account 12-2355. If other fees are required by this amendment, such as fees for additional claims, such fees may be charged to deposit account 12-2252. Should the examiner require further clarification of the invention, it is requested that he contact the undersigned before issuing the next office action.

Sincerely,

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